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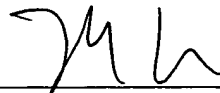
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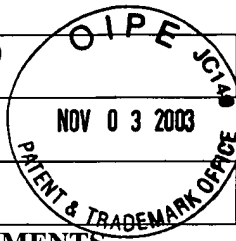
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	FA	5,013,150	05/07/91	Watts et al.		
	FB	5,077,481	12/03/91	Hoult		
	FC	5,418,615	05/23/95	Doyle		
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